

# THE DEMOCRAT. CURRENT TOPICS.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, - MISSOURI.

**THE MOSKOWSKI VIEDOMOSTE** (Moscow Gazette) urges Germany to curb Great Britain's aggressive policy in Africa.

The Fall Mall Gazette is authority for the statement that Cecil J. Rhodes, ex-premier of Cape Colony, sailed from Cape Town for England on the 15th.

The Brazilian government has concluded a contract for the immigration of 100,000 foreigners, Italians being excluded from the provisions of the contract.

M. EMILE LOUBET, formerly prime minister of France, minister of the interior and minister of public works, was, on the 16th, elected president of the French senate.

A DISPATCH from Portsmouth, England, on the 15th, said that the British channel squadron was ready for sea, with provisions on board sufficient to last six months.

While a party of young ladies were skating on the river near Decatur, Ind., on the 14th, the ice gave way and Miss Elva Rex went under. A tramp plunged in and rescued her.

A CAPE TOWN dispatch says that President Kruger will demand \$5,000 indemnity on behalf of the relatives of each Boer killed in the recent fight with Dr. Jameson's raiders.

The leading Russian newspapers are unanimous in protesting against the establishment of an entente between England and Russia, in regard to the Transvaal or any other question.

The Salvation Army in New York is angry over the recall to England of Commander Ballington Booth, who for nine years has been in supreme command of the Salvation Army in the United States.

FRANCIS MARION DRAKE was inaugurated governor of Iowa in the rotunda of the capitol building in Des Moines, on the 16th, in the presence of thousands of spectators and both branches of the general assembly.

The London Times says that the admiralty has invited the principal private ship-building firms to tender bids for ten third-class cruisers, to be completed in one year, the armament to be wholly of quick-firing guns.

FAILURES for the week ended on the 15th, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were: For the United States, 305, against 373 for the corresponding week last year; and for Canada, 31, against 60 last year.

At the polls, on the 15th, the electors of Manitoba declared almost unanimously against interference by the Dominion with her school laws, and ex-Premier Greenway's administration was endorsed by a good majority.

On the charge that he traveled on a pass and collected mileage from the territory, Gov. Thornton of New Mexico, on the 14th, summarily removed Col. Richard Hudson, of Silver City, a member of the penitentiary board.

The senate committee on naval affairs has decided to hold the hearings on the Chandler resolution to investigate certain matters in connection with armor plate and other alleged frauds in the navy, behind closed doors.

PRESIDENT CRESPO has appointed Rafael Rejas, Laureano Villa, Neuva Julien, Viso March and Antonio Salzo a commission to search the libraries in Venezuela for old data regarding the Guiana boundary, in order to assist the United States commission.

When Chaplain Condon of the house of representatives in his opening prayer, on the 17th, asked for the success of the Cubans in their struggle for liberty, there was a lively outburst of handclapping all over the floor—an unusual if not unprecedented occurrence.

For entering and starting the mare "Bethel" on German tracks, under the name of "Nellie Kneels," Robert T. Kneels, an American horseman, has been sentenced at Berlin to nine months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 5,000 marks. The mare was also seized and forfeited.

The establishment of a national military park on the battlefields in and around Vicksburg, Miss., is the purpose of a bill soon to be introduced in the house of representatives. The proposed park will cover an extent of territory one-eighth of a mile wide by six miles in length, lying to the east and north of the city.

In the hotly-contested fight before the Democratic national committee in Washington, on the 16th, Chicago won the prize of the national convention, which it was decided to hold in that city on July 7 next. The decision was reached on the twenty-ninth ballot, which resulted: Chicago, 26; St. Louis, 24; and Cincinnati, 1.

"WITHIN five days you may look for some very important action by this government respecting Cuba," said a gentleman who was at the White House, on the 15th. He added that the president and Secretary Olney were giving consideration to this matter, and that both felt the time for recognition of the revolutionists was close at hand.

A DISPATCH from Havana to Madrid, on the 16th, said that the rebels had shut off all means of communication with the interior except by the short railroad from Havana to Trianas. The telegraph wires were all cut and the railway tracks torn up, and the only means of official communication with the outlying provinces was by means of steamship.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

### LIV. CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

In the senate, on the 15th, Senator Morgan (dem., Ala.) spoke two hours on the free silver substitute for the house bond bill. A concurrent resolution empowering and directing the president of the United States to receive a deputation from the Cuban revolutionists and to extend belligerent recognition to them, offered by Mr. Kyle (pop., S. D.) was referred to the committee on foreign relations. In the house, it being the second Monday in the month, District of Columbia business was taken up and two bills of local interest were passed. The pension appropriation bill carrying \$141,335,820, \$50,000 less than the last bill, was taken up in committee of the whole.

In the senate, on the 16th, two bills, a railroad and a private pension bill, were passed. The latter bill provided an unusually interesting debate, which was followed by a prepared speech on the house bond bill and the free silver substitute by Mr. Butler (pop., N. C.). In the house four hours were occupied in the debate on the general appropriation bill, the feature of which was the philippic of Mr. Cummins (dem., N. Y.) against the policy of the government in standard silver. The military academy appropriation bill was reported and placed on the calendar.

In the senate, on the 18th, two long speeches were delivered against the further issue of United States bonds and in favor of the use of silver money, by Messrs. Mills (dem., Tex.) and Peffer (pop., Kas.). A joint resolution was introduced by Mr. Pugh (dem., Ala.) declaring all government bonds payable, principal and interest, at the pleasure of the government, in standard silver. In the house the venerable ex-speaker, Galusha A. Grow, delivered an earnest protest against the encroachments of the head of the executive department upon the prerogatives of the house. Most of the session was devoted to discussion of the pension appropriation bill, the administration of the pension bureau being severely criticised.

In the senate, on the 16th, a resolution was offered by Mr. Sewall (rep., N. J.) condemning the course of the president in the Venezuelan boundary dispute, and declaring that the Monroe doctrine, as originally intended, was not involved in the dispute. A resolution was agreed to calling on the secretary of state for information regarding the alleged detention by the Turkish government of American citizens. In the house bills were passed to print 3,000 copies of a compilation of the customs law, and authorizing the leasing of school and educational lands in Arizona. General debate on the pension appropriation bill was concluded. The death of ex-congressman Cogswell, of Massachusetts, was announced. The resolutions adopted, and as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned.

The senate was not in session on the 17th. In the house the general pension appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1900, was passed under the five-minute rule and passed. A message was received from the president asking prompt legislation to enable the attorney-general to prosecute litigation in reference to the granting of patents to land lying within forfeited railroad grants. The invocation in the chaplain's prayer that this government do what it can to aid in securing liberty to the Cubans was followed by a wave of applause.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

CHANCELLOR VON HORNLOHE, on behalf of the king, opened the Prussian landtag, on the 15th, without any special ceremony. Two hundred members of the body were present.

ST. MARY'S Catholic church at Anderson, Ind., which cost \$50,000 and is the third finest in the state, was damaged by fire to the amount of \$2,500 on the 14th.

UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL DE KAY, at Berlin, reports to the state department that he has secured an allotment of room in the international art exhibition, to be held in Berlin from May to October next, for American artists, and a promise from the president of the exhibition committee that American artists shall have the same privileges as artists in London and Paris.

SEPT. CHARLETON of the reform school for boys at Plainfield, Ind., on the 15th, notified Secretary Metcalf of the state board of health, asking that the institution be placed under quarantine immediately, as scarlet fever had broken out among the boys. The disease, he says, was communicated through a letter received by one of the boys.

NEAR Jacques' store, south of Fort Holmes, 50 miles southeast of Oklahoma City, Okla., on the 15th, a vigilance committee, composed of farmers and ranchmen, captured and hanged three desperadoes—Tom Foley, a man known as Wild Horse and a half-breed Choctaw named Marina.

JOHN J. HANNAWAY, general manager of the United States Rubber Co., gave orders, on the 15th, for the indefinite closing of the United States Rubber Co.'s works at Millville, N. J. The order went into immediate effect, and 1,000 men were thrown out of work.

PROF. JAMES BRUCE, who has just returned from a trip to South Africa, in addressing the Edinburgh chamber of commerce, on the 15th, said that there was no doubt that Mashonaland and Matabeleland would prove to be wealthy, but railways were necessary to develop them.

It is learned that the German kaiser will grant amnesty to a large number of political offenders now serving sentence in German prisons. It is believed that nearly all the editors and socialists who have lately been convicted and sentenced for lese majeste will be released at the quarter centennial of the birth of the empire.

A GANG of Italian counterfeiters were arrested in New York city on the 15th. Among them were Nicolo Toronto, the alleged chief of the mafia in the United States, and Frank Digeroglia, said to have been born in the king's palace in Italy. They showed fight, but were disarmed.

THE announcement was made, on the 16th, that the liabilities of Kenn, Sutterlee & Co., leather dealers and importers, of Philadelphia, who failed recently, will reach, if they do not exceed \$4,000,000.

A SENSATION was created in St. John's, N. F., on the 15th, by a statement in the official organ of the government that 1,000 families in St. John's were without food, fuel or clothing.

BILL DOOLIN, the notorious train robber and outlaw, leader of one of the worst gangs of desperadoes that ever infested the southwest, was taken to Guthrie, Okla., on the 17th, by his captor, United States Deputy-Marshal Tilgham, and lodged in the federal jail. Two thousand people assembled at the Santa Fe station to see the outlaw.

THE dispatch boat Dolphin is doing good service in making an accurate survey of the gulf of Amatique, where some uncharted sand bars had been touched during the past year by American steamers running regularly to Puerto Barrios, the Atlantic terminal of the Guatemala railway.

A DECISION was reached, on the 16th, to hold the next national convention of the W. C. T. U. at San Francisco. Invitations were received from Seattle, Portland, Ore.; Portland, Me.; Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chattanooga and Nashville. Mrs. B. Sturtevant, of San Jose, the president of the northern California district, will be the hostess of the convention.

MISSIE MINNIE and Flora, aged 15 years, twin daughters of James Davenport, of Lafayette, Ind., died, on the 16th, near the same hour, of typhoid fever. During their lives they had never been separated from each other over night.

NAT GOODWIN is going to make a tour of Australia and India. Contracts have been signed which bind him to sail from San Francisco on June 21 next, at the conclusion of his engagement in that city.

THE secretary of the interior has issued an order disbarring from practice before the department, for violation of the pension laws, David B. Davis, of Thornton, Ind.

THE Society of the Army of the Tennessee has taken up the matter of the erection of some sort of a monument in Washington city to commemorate the life and fame of Gen. U. S. Grant.

THE correspondent of the London Times at Adigrat expresses the opinion that the fate of the Italian garrison at Fort Makale is sealed unless they are able to capture and retain a well held by the Abyssinians.

NO ONE will be appointed at present to succeed Sir Charles Tupper as Canadian high commissioner in London. Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper was offered the position but declined it.

THE Spanish cabinet, on the 17th, unanimously decided to supersede Gen. Martinez de Campos and his lieutenant, Gen. Arderius. Gen. Marin will assume temporary command in Cuba, but it is understood that Gen. Polavieja, who has a reputation for vindictive cruelty, will be sent to take supreme command. A PHOENIX dispatch of the 17th says that the government and burghers will resist any form of foreign protection either upon the part of Great Britain or any other country. It was also stated that Dr. Jameson and the other prisoners with him would be released unconditionally.

THE disagreement between the co-pastors of the First Presbyterian church at Washington, D. C., Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage and Rev. Adolph Allen, has been settled by the church calling for Mr. Allen's resignation. Dr. Talmage will now preach twice Sundays. EX-CHIEF JUSTICE HARRISON authorized the announcement that he and Mrs. Himmick are engaged to be married, and that the marriage will not take place until after Lent.

EX-CONGRESSMAN FRANK LAWLER, of Chicago, died suddenly of heart disease on the 17th. He had spent the night before at a ball given for the benefit of the poor of his ward, in which he was a leading spirit. At the time of his death he was a member of the Chicago common council.

THE London Graphic editorially asks: "Why not make the Monroe doctrine the subject of a formal treaty between England and America? Such a treaty would facilitate the settlement of future disputes."

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 16th says that the recognition of Cuban belligerency is imminent, it having been learned that Spain and Great Britain are in negotiation for the transfer of the island of Cuba to the latter.

THE weekly statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended on the 15th showed the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$3,162,430; loans, decrease, \$1,559,290; specie, increase, \$2,234,206; legal tenders, increase, \$1,181,900; deposits, increase, \$1,135,000; circulation, decrease, \$79,200.

GEN. VALENTINO WEYLER has accepted the appointment of the governorship of Cuba, and is slated to sail for the island on the 24th. Gen. Suarez Valdez has been appointed second in command. Gen. Weyler, it is said, will adopt a severe policy with the insurgents.

It was reported from Tallahassee, Fla., on the night of the 16th, that Gov. Mitchell, at the request of the war department in Washington, had ordered Adj.-Gen. Houston to see that the Florida militia be placed in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice.

REAR-ADMIRAL BELKNAP (retired) is quoted as saying, on the 16th, that he had received advices from London which convinced him that the British flying squadron is coming to American waters and that war is imminent.

ADVICES from Abyssinia say that the Shoaos who are surrounding Makalle are drawing their lines closer. The besieged Italians are well provisioned, but it is feared that their supply of water may become exhausted.

THE consensus of opinion in Madrid is that the superseding of Gen. Martinez Campos in command of the Spanish forces in Cuba will greatly improve the situation there.

THE prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to visit the czar at St. Petersburg in May. He will go thence to Moscow, where the coronation of the czar takes place.

THE Washington city jury in the case of the recalcitrant sugar witness, Broker Elverson R. Chapman, of New York, returned a verdict, on the 15th, of guilty.

BISHOP A. G. HAYGOOD, of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, died at his home in Oxford, Ga., on the morning of the 19th, from paralysis.

THE people's party national committee, in session at St. Louis, on the 15th, decided to hold the national convention in St. Louis July 22.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

#### Missouri Good Roads Convention.

The good roads convention at Columbia was well attended. Scrapers and wide-tired wagons were tested and able addresses were delivered and papers read. Following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this convention appoint a committee of five on road legislation, with instructions to use their utmost endeavors to have our next general assembly pass a bill providing for state and county superintendents of public highways, and any other suggestions which this convention orders.

Resolved, That the towns and stations that furnish the markets for the farmers should be the centers of the road systems of that community.

Resolved, That we respectfully request our experiment station to use a portion of its funds in determining the value of materials for permanent roads, looking especially for material for the construction of roads in districts deficient in such material.

Resolved, That we favor the use of prison labor, especially minor criminals in the construction of roads.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that our main public roads can be best constructed by the contract system.

Resolved, That this convention recommends to the counties the organization of good roads associations.

Resolved, That we ask that the law taking the election of road overseers out of the hands of the people, and giving their appointment to the county courts be repealed, and that it be recommended to the committee on legislation to our next legislature.

Resolved, That it is the firm conviction of this convention that the adoption of broad tires for heavy vehicles would be a long step in the direction of road improvement.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that it urge congress to pass the pending Hatch bill in each state an experimental station of engineering for the purpose of investigating the kind, value and cost of road materials, the best methods of road construction and maintenance in each state in the Union.

Resolved, further, That a sufficient sum of money for the equipment and support of such a station be appropriated to the land grant colleges of each state.

Resolved, further, That a certified copy of the resolutions be furnished to each member of congress, and to each senator from Missouri.

#### For St. Louis Regardless of Party.

Although St. Louis did not secure the Democratic national convention, nevertheless Senator Vest, Gov. Stone, ex-Gov. Francis and Mayor Walbridge of St. Louis made excellent talks before the national committee in behalf of St. Louis and Missouri. The effort to secure the convention was made by St. Louis citizens regardless of party, the same as when the republican convention was secured. In presenting the claims of St. Louis Mayor Walbridge said in part:

"And I ask you, gentlemen of the committee, to remember that this tender and these promises come from the financial Gibraltar of 1900, from the city whose financial methods are safe and sound. I ask you to remember that they come from the metropolis of a state that stands above all other states except four, and which is now awaiting a period of development and prosperity that is likely in the near future to place her at the head of the column."

#### NO ISM BUT AMERICANISM.

I ask you to remember that these pledges from that great point which Gov. Francis so well described were made under the influence of sentiment from every part of the Union, from the only city of which it can truly be said, "She knows no section except the broad domain of the Union," a city that is not controlled by any ism except Americanism. We are aware of the difficulty and responsibility resting upon this committee and our people will see to it, if they select St. Louis as the place for your convention, that every St. Louis republican and every St. Louis democrat will vie with each other to entertain the delegates to that convention that when they return to their respective homes all shall say in this difficult relation you and your party have acted wisely and well."

#### At Cedar City, Callaway Killed.

At Cedar City, Callaway county, Charles Gilbert shot and killed a man, after being shot at five times. Four of the dead man's companions were arrested. They were heavily armed, and the dead man had on his person arms, burglar tools, etc. They are believed to be the men who held up and robbed the crew of a freight train in Jasper county not long ago.

#### In Her Own Blood.

Amelia Hinze, aged 35, and Henry Goetichins, who had been living together in St. Louis, quarreled, and during the fight that followed a revolver was discharged, the bullet carrying away two of Amelia's fingers. She procured morphine, and having no water to mix the powder, allowed the blood from her wounded hand to drip into a glass, into which she stirred the powder.

#### What a Boy Can Do.

In St. Joseph, James Miller, a boy, lit a pipe and dropped the burning paper into a keg of shotgun shells. The shells were filled with powder, and there was an explosion. James Trent was badly burned, and the building was wrecked.

#### Gregory Hyatt.

Frank W. Gregory, editor of the Springfield Leader-Democrat, was married the other evening to Miss Elizabeth Hyatt. Miss Hyatt has, until recently, been connected with a paper at Anderson, Ind.

Horses with Glanders Ordered Killed. Sheriff Yancey, Saline county, was ordered by the county court to kill a number of horses near Malta Bend that had glanders. A number have died.

#### Movement to Build a Levee.

A meeting of the owners of the overflowed lands on the Missouri side of the river in Marion county, was held at Hannibal to take the initial steps towards the building of a levee.

#### Sedalia National Bank Changes.

Hon. J. H. Bothwell has been elected president of the Sedalia national bank, vice E. R. Blair, resigned. Mr. Blair was elected cashier, vice Frank W. Shultz.

#### Thrown from His Horse.

Joseph Thomas, a farmer near Maltney's Mill, Buchanan county, was thrown by a fractious horse against a rail fence, and died within an hour.

#### Through the Head.

Allen Dobyns, aged 60, a farmer in the eastern part of Saline county, committed suicide by shooting through the head. Financial troubles.

#### Thrown from a Wagon and Killed.

Near Verona, Vernon county, Fannie Meany, aged 16, was accidentally thrown from a wagon, the wheels passing over her. She died.

### EX-CONSUL DELAPLAIN

Discusses Recent Phases of the Venezuelan Question—The Removal of Sir Charles Cameron Lees an Indication that the British Are Not Going to Back Down an Inch in Venezuela.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 20.—The News yesterday contained an interview with Louis Springer Delaplain, of this city, ex-consul to Demerara, who discussed recent phases of the Venezuelan controversy. Mr. Delaplain says in part:

"The removal of Sir Charles Cameron Lees is to my mind an indication that the British are not going to back down an inch in their position. I knew Mr. Lees while in Demerara. He was not aggressive enough to suit the tastes of the home government. He was entirely too tame, and I imagine the new governor is a much stronger and more aggressive man, who will obey the behests of the government at any cost and adopt a policy in harmony with England's land-grabbing plans."

Referring to the commission of the flying squadron by the British and the report that it is coming to western waters, Mr. Delaplain said:

"It is said that the squadron is going to be a direct and unmistakable menace against the United States. The natural harbor of an English fleet in western waters is at Barbadoes. If it goes there it will imply a direct threat to Venezuela. Only hostility to the United States would take a squadron to the Barbadoes, for they are not a rendezvous or never have been, and have not even a coaling station. Furthermore, the Barbadoes are within two days of New York. On the other hand, the Barbadoes are recognized as a strategic point to protect British interests in the West Indies, and would be a natural rendezvous. A fleet there would be only 150 miles from Demerara, and 600 from Caracas, the Venezuelan capital."

In discussing the plans of the British in South America, Mr. Delaplain asserts that England does not only want the portion of Venezuela in dispute but the whole territory included in Brazilian and French Guiana with the possible exception of that owned by Holland.

#### PEACEFUL VENEZUELAN.

While Americans Talk of War, They Pursue the Even Tenor of Their Way.

New York, Jan. 20.—C. Marxen-Erso, who arrived in New York Saturday by the steamer Philadelphia from Venezuela, where he represents the large commercial interests of Flint, Eddy & Co., was interviewed yesterday. Mr. Marxen-Erso stated that the reports published in the newspapers here as to the warlike spirit and excitement in Venezuela were grossly exaggerated.

He had been traveling for the last two months over a large portion of Venezuela from Ciudad Bolivar to the capital, and he was impressed everywhere with the absence of anything like bravado and the prevailing feeling among Venezuelans that the pending questions would ultimately be settled without war.

Nobody in Venezuela seems to believe in war, and there is no inclination on the part of the authorities or of the people to precipitate an issue. The country is prosperous, and business is progressing in its usual channels without any disturbance.

Mr. Marxen-Erso, in conclusion, said that nothing but positive aggression on the part of England could bring about war.

#### CHIEF CLARENCE

To be Invited to Return to Bluefields—The Strike on the Panama Canal.

COLON, Jan. 20.—It is reported here that the Mosquito Indians, including Chief Andrew Hendy, will invite Chief Clarence to return to the Mosquito territory. Chief Clarence was deposed by the Nicaraguans in 1894 and subsequently went to Jamaica where it was said he was in receipt of a pension from the British government. Great Britain refused to recognize the new Nicaraguan government that was set up at Bluefields after the deposition of Chief Clarence, and out of this grew the troubles that resulted in Great Britain sending a squadron to Corinto to enforce the payment of the indemnity demanded by that nation for the expulsion of the British vice-consul at Bluefields.

Chief Hendy was appointed as the successor of Chief Clarence.

The strike among the laborers on the Panama canal continues.

A dispatch from Bogota states that martial law has been proclaimed in the province of Barranquilla, state of Bolivar.

#### APARTMENT HOUSES BURNED.

Two Costly Structures, One of Them Scarcely Completed, Go Up in Smoke.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Two of the finest apartment houses on the South Side were destroyed by fire last evening. The buildings were owned by Lincoln Brooks and located at the southwest corner of Wabash avenue and Thirty-sixth street. The one on the corner contained 40 apartments and was unoccupied, being just about completed. The building next door and just south on the avenue was filled with tenants and contained over 30 apartments.

Both of the buildings are a total loss, which will reach \$300,000. The fire started in the corner building on the fifth floor, through the falling of the salamanders which were being used to dry plastering.

#### THE WAR IN ABYSSINIA.

King Menelik Makes Overtures for Peace Which are Received with Distrust.

ROME, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Massowah yesterday afternoon states that the situation at Makalle, the Italian position which the Abyssinians have been trying for some time to capture, is unchanged. It is reported that Menelik, king of the Abyssinians, has offered to treat for peace. It is alleged that he offers that the Italians will not be harmed if they abandon the fortress at Makalle and retreat.

### STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The Sixth Annual Meeting Held at Columbia—Talks by Able Men On Interesting Subjects—A \$50,000 Dairy Building Recommended.

The sixth annual session of the State Dairy association was held at Columbia. Dr. R. H. Jesse, president of the state university, delivered the address of welcome. After delivering pleasant words of greeting, he assured the association of the sympathy that the university had for every industry of the state. He thought the times demanded a \$50,000 building on the university campus, equipped for practical dairy instruction. Such schools were in successful operation in other states, and should be in Missouri. He congratulated the association and the tax-payers of Missouri upon the fact that the university, with all its departments—agricultural, medical and law, upon one campus, in one intellectual, federal whole—was prepared and permitted to teach all practical industries.

Hon. Norman J. Coleman, of St. Louis, made response. He commended the proposed dairy school, and urged that the association lend its influence to securing it. He spoke of the good the association has done in having secured the anti-oleomargarine law. Practical dairy instruction would add to the value of butter by teaching how to make a purer and better article. Missouri could not now supply the demand of its own citizens for butter and cheese and sent annually thousands of dollars abroad for these products. This should not be true, as no state had greater resources.

Col. J. R. Rippey, secretary of the state board of agriculture, read a paper upon "The Anti-Oleo Law." He said that the law, though not perfect, had reduced the number of dealers in oleomargarine from 400 to 70. It had increased the price of butter and added \$100,000 to the annual revenue received by buttermakers.

W. N. Tivy, of St. Louis, told how the law had been obtained against the strenuous opposition of the dealers in oleomargarine. Nearly two million pounds more butter are sold in St. Louis annually since the passage of the law.

A. Allen, of Kidder, answered the question "Why Missouri Is Behind Other States in Dairying," and Col. M. B. W. Harmon, of Pickering, read a paper upon "Dairying Compared With Beef and Pork Production."

A. H. Shepherd, of Columbia, delivered an address on "The Farm Dairy and How to Make It Pay." B. Morehead then told "How Dairying Is Developed in Kansas and Colorado." David May discussed the question of "Diseases Transmitted by Cattle to Milk."

At the conclusion of his address there was a general discussion on the proposition to divide the state into eight dairy districts and to appoint a commissioner for each district to see to the enforcement of the anti-oleomargarine law. A committee was appointed to confer on the subject.

Some time was devoted to witnessing dairy methods and processes, as shown by members of the agricultural college faculty and experiment station staff. Methods were shown in testing milk, determining the degree of ripeness of cream and churning and working butter. Much interest was manifested in the dairy exhibit on the first floor of the agricultural building.

Resolution were passed commending the work of the agricultural college and suggesting the erection of a \$50,000 dairy building on the university campus. The proposition will be put before the next general assembly. Propositions to hold the next annual convention at Mexico and Appleton City were referred to the executive committee for consideration.

The premiums were awarded as follows: Best sample butter, creamery print or roll, first premium, \$7, total score 92; J. J. Smith, of Sweet Springs; second premium, \$3, total score 90; T. F. Powers, Memphis; best creamery tub butter, first premium, \$7, total score 91; Mayview creamery, Mayview, Mo.; second premium, \$3, total score 87; C. C. Stephens, Garden City; best dairy butter, print or roll, first premium, \$7, total score 92; C. L. Hogan, Hennatt; second premium, \$3, total score 92; L. T. Henry, Deer Park; best cream cheddar cheese, first premium, \$7, total score 89; James Taylor, Newark. A premium of \$10 was awarded William Vandiver, of Columbia, for the best paper on butter making.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.  
President—A. Dow, Georgetown.  
Vice-President—A. H. Shepherd, Columbia.  
Second Vice-President—G. B. Lamm, Sedalia.  
Secretary—Levy Chubbuck, Kidder.

#### Robbed a Train Crew.

The other night a special freight crew on the Nevada & Minden branch of the Missouri Pacific was held up at Nassau junction, one mile southeast of Nevada, by four masked men. The train was in charge of Conductor R. G. Trickett. A number of cattle had been turned loose on the railroad right of way, and some of them were fast in a cattle guard. Parties living near flagged the train to avoid an accident. The train crew was compelled to hand over their watches and money, and during the excitement one of the robbers shot Conductor Trickett in the face, but the wound was regarded as not dangerous. From the language used by the robbers it is thought they are railroad men.</